

Transcription of M.R. James's unpublished description
Cambridge, University Library, MS Ii.6.44

Title:	Sermones quadragesimales
Secundo folio:	text: Condiciones table: 18f. maior
Language:	Latin
Material:	vellum
Measurements:	5 x 3¾ ins.
Collation:	a ⁴ 1 ¹² -5 ¹² (6 canc) 6 ¹² -9 ¹² 10 ⁸ 11 ⁶ 12 ¹² -21 ¹² 22-24 uncertain leaf after 257 a fragment. 2 flyleaves at end.
Number of leaves:	269
Columns:	double
Lines to a page:	30
Date:	XIV?
Handwriting:	small & fairly good: probably Italian
Binding:	old black leather with stamp

Moore 487.

Flyleaves at end made of a deed. Galfredus
de ... conveys land to Walter de Kessyng-
lond (Suff.) (XIV? date gone)
At beginning names: Morden & Edm. Castell
(the orientalist) with scribble in Arabic number 23

Contents:

1.	Carta seu testamentum Ihesu Christi Sciunt presentes etc Know now all y ^t ben here & aftyr shal bee leef & dere -the just day of grete mercye the short charter. C. Browne 265g (Wyteth now) This ms not cited. Ed. Spalding <u>Middle Engl. Charter of Christ</u> on the next fly leaves in a very bad hand are various notes including Sacris solempniis iuncta sunt gaudia (4) [i.e. f.4] & lectiones for (?) St Thomas of Canterbury	1
2.	in the main hand, fine & small Tabula distinctionum Expl. tab. dist. per alphabetum deo gr. Lectiones continued in the bad hand Inc. sermones quadragesimales pro omni die serui (?) sancti Conuertimini ad me ... Joel 2 ^o Racionalis anima par angelis in natura I do not find this incipit elsewhere	5 15 17

The last of this main set (in sabbato sancto) ends 262b: expolia-
uit infernum. Lege ystoriam in legendis. Rogemus itaque
dominum etc. amen

Expl. serm. quadrages. Fratris Serui dei. Deo gra.
ac domino immensissimas refero. Sed pro me scriptore
deum exorare uelitis qui hunc librum estis post
meam mortem habituri quia multum laboraui diebus
ac noctibus Ic (or Ie) me et [i.e. ci?] estu

In the bad hand: collect for the translation of St Richard (?)
262^b

additional sermon in the first hand

263

dom 3^a in quadrag.

Eratis aliquando tenebre ... lux et tenebra

ending 266^b

texts for Easter added 266^b

In the bad hand: collect for St Aldhelm 267

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